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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
JUGULAR VEIN ACCESS**

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<b>Purpose:</b> To place an extracatheter into the external jugular vein for administration of fluids or medications when a peripheral site is not available		<b>Indications:</b> A critically ill patient who requires IV access with no accessible peripheral site	
<b>Advantages:</b> Route for fluid administration Route for medication administration	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Causes pain during insertion	<b>Complications:</b> Infiltration Infection	<b>Contraindications:</b> Obscured landmarks (trauma, subQ emphysema) Cervical collar in place Infection in area of insertion Delay in transport of critical patients

